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## **REICHERT APPLAUDS APPOINTMENT OF NEGROPONTE AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE**

**WASHINGTON, DC**—U.S. Rep. Dave Reichert today praised the President's appointment of John Negroponte as the United States' first Director of National Intelligence:

"Information sharing is at the heart of the United State's security. John Negroponte has the experience and qualifications necessary to execute important intelligence decisions for our country.

It is critical that security intelligence gets where it needs to go as quickly as possible. The Director of Intelligence will facilitate this fast-tracking of information, in turn making us more secure. In crisis environments, a united intelligence effort is invaluable.

From the CIA down to our first responders, clear channels enable us to be on the offense. It is those on the frontlines—our police and firefighters- who will be the hometown response in the event of an attack. These forces put their lives on the line for our freedom and safety. The creation of the Director of National Intelligence will ensure the various agencies work together and the best information gets to our local forces in the most efficient fashion. As a former law enforcement officer, I believe that streamlined communications are vital to our security efforts.

I applaud the President's choice and as a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, look forward to working with Mr. Negroponte in the future."

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